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Applicants:	Crump et al.	Docket No.:	BA00117
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For: **Endotracheal Catheter And Manifold Assembly With Improved Valve****Petition for One-Month Extension of Time**Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Office Action which, on its face, granted a three (3) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on March 9, 2004, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on June 9, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until July .

Please charge the \$110.00 fee for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. This extension request is submitted in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I, Veronica A. Trent, hereby certify that on June 24, 2004, this document is being faxed to the United States Patent and trademark Office, central facsimile machine at (703) 872-9306.

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